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Honorable Ira S. Willard  
City Manager of the City of Alexandria  
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Willard:

As you know, we have been considering the selection of a site for the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters building for more than a year. During this time we have studied more than 30 sites, with the assistance of a private firm of consulting engineers and landscape architects which we engaged to analyze this problem for us. Inasmuch as at least one of the sites to which we gave very serious consideration is located in the City of Alexandria, and you have expressed an interest in the location of our building, we would like you to know that we have reached a final decision.

We have received the final report of the National Capital Planning Commission approving our proposal to locate our new headquarters on a portion of the Bureau of Public Roads property at Langley, Virginia, and we are proceeding with our plans for the development of that site.

You and other officials and citizens of the City of Alexandria have been very helpful to us throughout our deliberations and I should like to express our most sincere appreciation for the cooperation and assistance we have received.

Sincerely,

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L. E. White  
Deputy Dir

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